

### **REMARKS**

At the time the official action was mailed, claims 1, 3-17, 19-33 and 35-63 were pending in the present application. In the official action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-17 and 19-32 and rejected claims 33 and 35-63. Based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 3 and 35-63 have been canceled for inclusion in a continuing application. However, it should be noted that Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 33 and 35-63.

### **Conclusion**

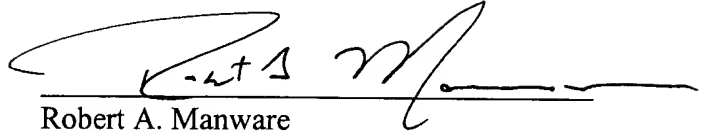
In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully accept allowance of claims 1, 3-17 and 19-32. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application towards issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

### **General Authorization for Extensions of Time**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Furthermore, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. MICS:0038 (99-0525).

Respectfully submitted,

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